



The Bulletin

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SCOUTS AUSTRALIA - NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION



MR ROSS GROVE

Region President

and

MR DAVID STOPPS JP

Region Commissioner

Cordially invite you to be present at the

**GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION
ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS PRESENTATION**

to be held at Wentworthville Leagues Club

50 Smith Street, Wentworthville

Thursday 17th October 2019 - 6.30 pm for 7.00pm start

Please register for you and your guests on line.

Registrations now open on the Region EMS System.

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/231>

Registrations will close at midnight 30th September 2019

Dress: Smart Casual/ Full Uniform including Award Decorations

Cost: \$45.00 per head for Non Recipients (Payable by cash, credit card or EFT to Region Office) for three course meal. Free for Recipients.

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

I would like to congratulate Rob Lang and his team for one of the best Gang Shows ever. Everyone involved from back stage, makeup, catering, production, orchestra, lighting, and let's not to forget the cast from the Comets, Juniors, Seniors and this year the Legends did such a great job to entertain us all. A special mention has to go to the team that got out and promoted this year's 50th show. I believe it was almost a complete sell out!

Congratulations go to all that were named in this year's World Scout Day awards. Special congratulations go to:

Silver Kangaroo:

Frank Barr, as most members are aware Frank has done so much for our region, and Scouts in general. He has been a great help to so many that have hiked in the Blue Mountains and a good friend to all.

Carol Cope since coming back to the region, from her state position, Carol has been the strength behind 2nd Castle Hill in one of her many rolls in Scouting and is also deserving of this award.

Silver Koala:

John Gale helps so many groups with their accounts and is the Group Leader at 2nd Baulkham Hills and Rover Adviser.

Aaron Wardle does not let his state position as International Commissioner get in his way to help so many in our Region, he was instrumental in helping 2 Rover crews get back on their feet and took a group of Venturers to Everest Base Camp.

These people are most deserving of these awards. **BRAVO O O** to all.

A special mention to Neville Henderson for all his help with the awards. As Neville would have said "Don't forget to get online and register!" for the Dinner in October. This is a night we all get to congratulate our awardees. It's also a night to catch up with friends from our region.

Congratulations also goes to Lyall Wood for being made a Life Member of the Scouts NSW Branch Council. Lyall was given this honour for his many years of service in his Group role, Region role (as Chair of Cumberland Gang Show) and he also spent many years on the Scout NSW Board. Lyall has given many years of service to Scouting in general. Please join me in congratulating him. We will be recognising Lyall at our awards dinner as well.

As we are moving across to the Youth Program there will be some slight changes in the region team. These

changes will not affect what we do for our groups and it will streamline who to go to. Groups should still communicate with their District Commissioner in the first instance attending District Council.

In the next couple of weeks an announcement on our new **Region Development Officer (RDO)** will be coming out. This person will be placed at Bundilla and I ask all groups to support them. This person will be working under myself and Geoff Henderson. They will be getting out and visiting groups talking to all stake holders helping to grow groups in many ways. It will be in your best interest to support them as they will be supporting you.

Over the next couple of months I will be away working and home most weekends. This does not mean I am on leave, it just means sometimes I will be hard to catch due to reception. If you want to contact me just drop me an email David.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au

My deputies, Geoff Henderson, Tony Dent and Glenn Connor are also there to help with whatever you might need; but don't forget your section Commissioners can answer most of your questions as well.

David Stopps

Region Commissioner

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SCOUTS IN ACTION MONTH

Groups from all over Australia are heading out to explore AQUA environments - from snow skiing and ice skating (frozen aqua), building rafts or trying scuba diving for the first time the possibilities for this year's Scouts in Action Month are endless.

There are just so many possibilities! Got no water? No problem - make cardboard boats and race them or what about pop boats they are lots of fun! Get out there and be part of Scouts in Action Month 2019.

Register your Unit or Group TODAY!

Over 8,600 registered already! So get on board and click on the link below

<https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/australian-scout-groups>, or

<https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/guides-australia>, or

<https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/international-groups>

Have you got your Scouts in Action Month badge yet?

Reward your Scouts for participating in 2019 AQUA Scouts in Action Month - go to

<https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/2019-badge-order-form>

Ninety Adult Members of Greater Western Sydney Region have been honoured in the annual Adult Recognition Awards for good service; part of The Scout Association's observance of the founding of Scouting at the first Scout Camp held at Brownsea Island in the UK on 1 August 1907.
Congratulations to all the recipients for 2019 and thank you for your continuing commitment to Scouting!



SILVER KANGAROO

Awarded for eminent achievement and exceptional service to Scouts Australia by an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, over a long period, in a number of roles at various levels within the organisation, or for a unique and highly valued contribution to the wellbeing of Scouting

BARR OAM, Frank William: Honorary Leader (Region), Greater Western Sydney Region
COPE, Carol Ann: Region Commissioner (Members Support), Greater Western Sydney Region



SILVER KOALA

Awarded for distinguished service to Scouts Australia as an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, for a period of around 14 to 16 years.

GALE, John Stuart: Rover Adviser, 2nd Baulkham Hills Rover Crew
WARDLE, Aaron Christopher: Honorary Commissioner (Region), Greater Western Sydney Region



SILVER WATTLE

Awarded for outstanding service to Scouts Australia as an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, for a period of around ten to twelve years.

AQUILINA, John Joseph: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Glossodia Cub Pack
DENT, Lisa Anne: Group Leader, 1st Toongabbie Scout Group
GREEN, Kylie Maree: Joey Scout Leader, 1st Kings Langley Joey Mob
HENRY, Christopher John: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill Scout Troop
McKINLEY, David John: Region Leader (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region
SELWOOD, Shane David: Group Leader, 1st Winston Hills Scout Group
SHAW, Mitchell Blake: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob
STEWART, Clinton Todd: District Scout Leader, Parramatta District
STOPPS, Tracey Kim: Region Commissioner (Scouts), Greater Western Sydney Region
VELLA, Matthew Guy: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Kings Langley Venturer Unit
WARDLE, Karina Michelle: Joey Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Joey Mob
WEST, Timothy Gordon Stenning: Scout Leader, 1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop
WOOD, Robert Clifford: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to Young Adult Members, Adult Members and Supporters for meritorious or praiseworthy service to Scouts Australia for a period of around six to eight years.

- BANNON, David Peter:** Rover Adviser, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Rover Crew
BARNETT, Matthew George: Group Treasurer, 1st Castle Hill Scout Group
BONITZ, Tara Janine: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Kellyville Cub Pack 'Zazu'
CRUMP, Laura Kathleen: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Joey Mob
ELLIOT, Rebecca Helene: Adult Helper, 1st Hazelbrook Scout Group
GRAVINA, Alice: Joey Scout Leader, 1st Kellyville Joey Mob
HALL, Bryan John: Region Leader (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region
HARRIS, Eric Clifford: Scout Leader, 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
HARRIS, Mathew Gordon: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Scout Troop
HENDERSON, Geoffrey Robert: Deputy Region Commissioner, Greater Western Sydney Region
HODGE, Helen Louise: Cub Scout Leader, 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack 'Nackara'
HOWLETT, Deborah Anne: Region Chairman, Greater Western Sydney Region
HUANG, Zeyun Jenny: Cub Scout Leader, Western Sydney (BLIA) Cub Pack 'Parramatta'
MACARTHUR, Anthony James: Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks Scout Troop
ONG, Alexander Barong: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Cub Pack 'Alleena'
PRINGLE, Rodney: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Cambridge Park Cub Pack 'Koala'
RICHARDS, Brendan Charles: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack 'Impeesa'
STEPHENS, Zoe Ann: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Joey Mob
TYLER, Joanne Louise: Trainee Leader (Rover), 2nd Baulkham Hills Outdoor Rover Crew
WADE, Donnalee: Cub Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
WHIDDON, Andrew Robert: Assistant Scout Leader, 2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop



SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to Young Adult Members, Adult Members and Supporters for the successful support, development or management of a Section or Formation, or for an intense contribution over a period of at least 12 months to the success of a major event or major activity.

- AZZOPARDI, Naomi Elizabeth:** Fellowship Member, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
BAKER, Orson Jack: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 2nd Northmead Cub Pack
BENNETT, Grant Jeffrey: Group Leader, 1st Kings Langley Scout Group
BLOW, Danielle: Adult Helper, 1st Carlingford Scout Group
BORDLEY, Matthew Mark: Trainee Commissioner (Region), Greater Western Sydney Region
BROWN, Adele Susan: Adult Helper, 1st Carlingford Scout Group
CLASIE, Hannah: Assistant Scout Leader, 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
COOPER, Daniel Robert: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Scout Troop 'Bartoo'
COOPER, Emanuela Clementina: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Scout Troop 'Bartoo'
CRAVEN, Christopher David: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop
DAVIS, Catherine Anne: Group Treasurer, 1st St Marys Scout Group

DENT, Meglyn Charlotte: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Toongabbie Scout Troop
DIMMOCK, Melanie Louise: Trainee Leader (Region), Greater Western Sydney Region
GALE, Christopher Trent: Scout Leader, 1st Toongabbie Scout Troop
GARDNER, Andrew James: Group Leader, 1st Blaxland Scout Group
GIUSTI, Leo Jordan Burnett: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Parramatta Cub Pack
HO, Sze King: Group Treasurer, 1st Carlingford Scout Group
JERROW, Sharon Faye: Adult Helper, Cumberland Gang Show Helper Group
JOHANSEN, Michael Karl: Scout Leader, 1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
KRNEL, Lisa Jane: Group Treasurer, 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Group
LEGUIER, Priscilla: Group Chairman, 1st Castle Hill Scout Group
LOCKMAN, Katherine Mary: Joey Scout Leader, 1st Toongabbie Joey Mob
LOCKMAN, Micheal David: Fellowship Member, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
MACKINTOSH, Stuart Lachlan: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack 'Impeesa'
McCREDDEN, Andrew Lesley: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Ermington Venturer Unit
MERCIECA, Joshua Joseph: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Joey Mob 'Python'
MERCIECA, Merylese: Group Chairman, 1st Blaxland Scout Group
MERCIECA, Rose Therese: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Joey Mob 'Python'
MILLER, Geraldine Joan Irene: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Joey Mob
MILLER, Gillian Kate: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Cub Pack
MORRIS, Heather: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill Cub Pack 'Kookaburra'
MUNRO, Rachel Claire: Adult Helper, Cumberland Gang Show Helper Group
NISKANEN, Markku: Group Secretary, 2nd Northmead Scout Group
O'KEEFFE, James Joseph: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills Scout Troop
PAUL, Ryan Francis: Trainee Leader (Cub Scout), 1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
POLIS, Jonathan Mark: Scout Leader, 1st Kellyville Scout Troop
PRANTS, Matthew James: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack
REDMAN, Louise Anne: Group Treasurer, 1st Grose Vale Scout Group
SHAW, Rebecca Joy: Adult Helper, Cumberland Gang Show Helper Group
SLOAN, Ayla-Shannyn Maree: Trainee Leader (Scout), 1st Dural Scout Troop 'Giwang'
SMITH, Ross Arnold: Region Leader (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region
STAPLES, Benjamin Wayne: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st North Mt Druitt Cub Pack
STATHAKIS, Anthony: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Hazelbrook Joey Mob
STOWELL, Andrew: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Toongabbie Cub Pack
TAYLOR, Mariell Elizabeth: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Dural Cub Pack
THOMPSON, Andrew John: Rover Adviser, Blacktown Rover Crew
UIDAM, Tim: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack
VANE, Kathryn Jane: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Cub Pack 'Keego'
VERWOERD, Peter: Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit
WHITE, Jessica Sandra: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob
WORTHY, Cheryl Margaret: Adult Helper, 1st Carlingford Scout Group



ROVER SCOUT SERVICE AWARD

The Rover Scout Service Award is an award that is made by the Rover Section to recognise a person who has given exceptional and sustained service to the Rover Section.

WARD, Christopher Joseph: Crew Treasurer, 2nd Castle Hill Rover Crew



DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

This month I wanted to give you an update on a number of actions underway in Strategy and Development.

SUPPORT

Over the past week, we have been carrying out interviews for a new role starting in GWS Region. The **Region Development Officer (RDO)** is a role created to raise the profile of Scouting in our community and seek opportunities to develop leads for new Leader and Youth members. As part of the Scouts NSW Strategy, we expect that the person undertaking this role will meet with Schools, Community Groups and Corporate Organisations to seek leads and help Groups convert these into members in our Region. As a paid role, this person will be able to reach potential members during the working day. We will announce once this role has been filled, and the successful candidate will be in touch with Groups soon.

In addition to the RDO, the **GWS Development Team includes Melanie Dimmock (Region Leader – Development) and Adam Wardell (Region Leader – Strategy)**. Both Mel and Adam have deep experience in Scouting and bring passion and enthusiasm to development of membership in our Region. With this team in place, the Region has never been in a stronger position to support growth of Group Membership across GWS.

In addition, we will be increasing support in the coming months by rolling out a program called 'Leader Build'. **Leader Build** is a research backed program that is designed to support the recruitment of Leaders into our movement. This program has had great success in Victoria and will be coming to GWS in the near future, so keep an eye out for the training sessions.

WAYS OF WORKING

Earlier in the year, we created two new **Facebook Groups** to support the efficient coordination of our Parent Supporters. Designed to share information and foster peer to peer discussions, the Facebook groups have been set up to support our **Chairpersons and Treasurers**. This followed the successful rollout of the Leaders and Supporters Facebook site.

I would encourage all of our Chairpersons and Treasurers to join and gain the latest information to support groups. Search for:

GWS Chairpersons

GWS Treasurers

And don't forget the page: GWS Leaders & Adult Supporters.

PROMOTION

As posted on the Facebook site recently, we have a new promotional flyer that can be used by any Group in the Region. Buying in bulk allows us to offer a discounted price, so please drop me an email if you would like a quote for some flyers for you group.

Come and try SCOUTS at a group near you!

What should YOU 'Be Prepared' for?

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| Joey Scouts | Cub Scouts | Scouts | Venturer Scouts | Rover Scouts | Leaders | Fellowship |
| 5*-8 yrs | 8-11 yrs | 11-14 yrs | 14-17 yrs | 18-25 yrs | 18+ yrs | 18+ yrs |

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We are also in the process of producing new corflute signs to be hung at Bunnings BBQs, and signs to be hung at Schools to promote Scouting. This is an easy way to promote your group and encourage new members. Once available, we will contact groups to come and collect their signs from Bundilla.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at: strategy@greaterwestscouts.com.au

Geoff Henderson (BEATLE)
Deputy Region Commissioner Strategy & Development



FROM THE SCOUT DEN

I must apologise for missing last month's Bulletin. Time got away from me!

I have been fortunate enough to present both **Isabella Leske (1st Kellyville)** and **Matthew Loveridge (2nd Baulkham Hills)** their Australian Scout Medallion badges and woggles. Robin Garrett also presented **Teagan Edwards (1st Dural)** hers at Dural's 80th Birthday celebrations. BRAVO-O-O!! I look forward to seeing them receive their Medallions in September.

Well State Rally is done and dusted for another year! Thank you to all the Leaders, Venturers and Rovers who helped deliver the amazing bases and to all the Scouts who attended. We had an unprecedented number of Venturers attend to run bases. The Venturers ran *The Joust*, *End Game* and pretty much the Climbing Wall, Abseiling, Caving and The Giant Swing. Thank you and I hope you had as much fun as the Scouts did on your bases. I look forward to more Venturers and Rovers next year!

I would like to thank Ray Shepard for our catering – as usual it was awesome. The feedback was extremely positive!

Thank you to Robin Garrett, Steve Wallace and Jye Sloan for their support, efforts and putting their body on the line.

The winners from GWS are:

1st Patrol 333 – Penguins, 1st Blaxland

2nd Patrol 359 – Drop Bears, 1st Ermington

3rd Patrol 312 – Frill-necked Lizards, 2nd Castle Hill

Congratulations to all three patrols and to all those that participated. I hope you all had an amazing time and kept warm at night. Please tell the rest of you units/troop how good a time you had and let's get more scouts there next year.

The **badge competition** for next year's Jamborette is open. The theme is *'Kingdoms & Empires of the Universe'*. Please have your troops/units forward their designs by **30th November 2019**.

Our next Region Scout Youth Council is set for 21st October @ 6.30pm. Please have your representatives ready. We only had 3 people turn up at the last one. You have plenty of notice now.

If you need help running your District Scout Youth

Council please contact me or Ayla Sloan at gwssycmentor@gmail.com . Ayla will help oversee the District Scout Youth Council in your place.

Remember to keep checking the GWS Events website for upcoming events. Leaders and Scouts need to remember they can register independently for most things. Scouts do NOT need a local leader to attend most events. They can go on their own.

Further to that - Patrol camps do not need a local leader to attend, as long as the paperwork is in place. If the Patrol chooses Bundilla there are always leaders onsite (just in case - although that's probably more for the parents and leaders than the scouts)

Reminder: All patrols going out on 3 day hikes need to notify: activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au The Group Leader of the Troop/Unit, the Region Activity Leader of the area visited, and rcscoutsgws1@gmail.com as a minimum. Please make sure your scouts have notified at least these people their intention to walk.

Tracey Stopps (Wiangi)

Region Commissioner Scouts

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Scouts



REGIONAL ACTIVITIES TEAM



The big activity for this month was the State Rally held down at Cataract. It has been a few years since I have been to a State Rally, and I am so glad I put my hand up to help out. What a ripper of a weekend, and with just perfect camping weather to boot. Mild during the day, and cold at night, where we could enjoy the warmth and fellowship around a glowing camp fire.

Big thank you to Quentin Napier who was back at his favourite haunt, the Flying Fox Tower, not Foxing this time, but Abseiling! We ran a total of 7 abseil lines off the Tower. We also dragged the climbing wall down next to the tower, so it was a double whammy of fun.



Photo: Ben Low



Photo: Mark Fell

I have run the climbing wall on many occasions, and I would suggest this was one of the busiest we have ever done; with an estimated 1200 scouts having a go, over the weekend.

Having the two activities together also means we only need to harness participants up once, which does save a lot of time. (...and fingers.) We could not have done it without the help of a number of "Abseil Leaders" from other Regions as well, which also provided a great chance to catch up and "compare notes" as to what is happening around the State.....Activities wise!

I must also pass on my huge thanks to the large number of Venturers who gave up their weekend to help out with harnessing, belaying and general crowd support. One of the really great things about these Venturers, is that most of them are former Scouts, and are coming back to help out with an event, they themselves were participants at, only a few years prior, as Scouts.



I think rock activities were the flavour of the month, with another great Abseiling Workshop weekend held up at Bowen Mountain and Yellow Rock. Big thank you to David “Macca” McKinley, who ran the weekend. Great effort by Macca considering he had only just returned earlier in the week from the World Jamboree, in the USA.



Photos: Mark Fell

With the warmer weather hopefully kicking in soon, we are getting ready for another big summer season on the water with both canoeing and sailing. Also planning a few overnight canoe trips, for a little bit more adventure! Keep your eye on the Region Website for what is happening, <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/> or you can contact me directly for a more “custom” designed activity.

Mark Fell (Dingo)
Region Commissioner Activities
Stage Manager Cumberland Gang Show
Email: activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au



Scout Rally: Photos courtesy of Tracey Stopps

BUSHWALKING - TRISTAN FLORES RL ACTIVITIES

GWSR Bushwalking July School Holidays: Lawsons Long Alley (Bushwalking Skills) 2 days 18 km and Great North Walk Paxton Hotel to Queens Wharf Newcastle 80 km 6 days.

Congratulations and Thank You to Trainee Guide Connor Kennedy for doing a sensational job running our Mount Victoria weekend.





LAUNCH OF BUSHWALKING 2020

Information Sessions

Friday 22 November 7:00pm - 8:30 pm

Sunday 24 November 9:00am - 10:30 am

With many exciting trips and opportunities coming soon, GWSR Bushwalking is running two information sessions at Bundilla Scout Camp.

Returning, new and future participants are invited on either Friday evening or Sunday morning. 1 hour overview of upcoming trips followed by light refreshments.

Come down and talk to our bushwalking guides about how you can get involved today.

We are currently recruiting younger Scouts to join as regulars in the bushwalking team.

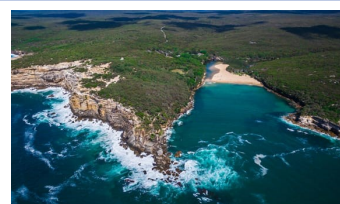
RSVP to bushwalking@greaterwestscouts.com.au by 21st November 2019.

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF GWSR BUSHWALKING

ROYAL COAST TRACK

7TH & 8TH DECEMBER 2019

Royal National Park | Bundeena to Otford
via North Era Campground



<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/219>

The Coast track in Sydney's Royal National Park, is an epic multi-day walk between Bundeena and Otford. Enjoy incredible coastal lookouts, swimming spots, seasonal wildflowers and whale watching along this challenging 26km track.

For enquires please contact: Bushwalking Coordinators

Tristan Flores bushwalking@greaterwestscouts.com.au



JOTA/JOTI 2019

Where will JOTA take you this year?

New Zealand, Germany, England, Africa, Alaska or Space via the International Space Station.

For the most International fun you can have without leaving home, join a million Scouts around the world on Amateur Radio (JOTA) or via the Internet (JOTI) on **19th & 20th October**.

If your Group is organising a JOTA base (with a local Radio operator at the Scout Hall) or a JOTI base at home, please let me know so we can involve more Scouts.

JOTA is suitable for all sections, when appropriate activities are programmed.

If you would like to know where your Scouts could be involved, also contact me and I will pass on base locations that I have been told about.

For more information: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>

John Leahy
GWS JOTA Activity Leader
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CUB SCOUT REPORT

Cub Scout Leadership Course

On Saturday 10th August, 44 Cub Scouts, 12 Leaders and 1 Youth Helper came together at Bundilla for the Cub Scout Leadership Course. Unfortunately, I was on an interstate trip. I left the course in the capable hands of Robert Rigby, Penrith City DCSL and Region Cub Team.

I have been told that the day was very cold but most enjoyable by all that attended. We also welcomed some Cubs and a Cub Scout Leader from Sydney North who joined us for the course.

I would like to say a great big thank you to those that assisted on the day and especially to those that stepped up and took on the management roles. Pinnaroo Fellowship, once again, did a fantastic job of keeping everyone well fed.

The next Cub Scout Leadership course for this year will be held on 23rd November at Bundilla Scout camp. Applications will open in September.



Adult Recognition Awards

Congratulations to all Leaders in GWS Region who received an award in the Adult Recognition Awards announced on 1 August 2018, particularly all the Cub Scout Leaders. It is very pleasing and rewarding to know that so many of you have been recognised for all the hard work you continually dedicate to Scouting. Well done – 1- 2- 3 WOOF!

The Adventure Begins!

Has your Cub Pack started on The Adventure Begins? The Adventure Begins will challenge you to embed key elements of Scouting in your regular program. All Cub Packs should be working towards completing all areas of the Adventure Begins. Check out the resources and checklists located here

<https://scouts.com.au/what-we-do/youth-program/adventure-begins/>



Scouts in Action Month

Scouts in Action takes place every year during the month of August. The Scouts in Action theme for 2019 is 'Aqua'. This is a great opportunity to have your Cubs involved in all things to do with water! Further information, registrations, blanket badge orders and program ideas can be found at <http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com>

GWS Gilwell Reunion - 100 Years Celebration

GWS Region are holding their 100 years Celebrations of the first Wood Badge Course in 1919 at Bundilla Scout Camp on 7th September 2019 from 1pm to 4pm. I would like to encourage all Cub Leaders, past and present, that hold a Wood Badge to attend. Register now <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/232>

NSW Cuboree 'What on Earth?' 5th to 9th January 2020!

It is not too late to register for Cuboree 2020, with applications being accepted through to the end of September.

Over the coming weeks, Cubs will be allocated to their Cuboree Unit. Unit Leaders have been finalised and will be provided with a list of Cubs allocated to their Unit.

All participants must attend a **pre-Cuboree 'shakedown' camp**. These will be held at Bundilla on the following dates:

25th - 27th October:

Blue Mountains, Penrith, Hawkesbury and Blacktown Districts.

1st - 3rd November:

Hills, Parramatta and Holroyd Districts.

Keep an eye out for communications coming from your Cuboree Unit Coordinator soon!

Yours in Scouting,

Gabie Thompson (Darzee)

Region Commissioner Cub Scouts

Email: cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au



*Congratulations to Cub Scout
Tavis Smith – 1st Blaxland*

who has earned his Grey Wolf Award



1- 2 - 3 - WOOF!



Agoonoree is a camp open to ALL Scouts with special needs, organised by the Scouts NSW Special Needs Team and supporters. It provides an opportunity for Scouts to gather and enjoy a wide range of activities and make new friends. The camp is open to all Sections, as well as parents, carers and helpers.

Cost: \$130 for youth participants and \$100 for Leaders and Helpers. Fees for part attendance are available on request.

Attendance: Youth members aged 5 -7 must attend with one of their parents or guardian; youth members aged 8-14 must attend with at least one of their leaders who will take active responsibility (or a parent/guardian). Any adult helper, including parent, guardian or carer, who is not a Scout member and who is staying overnight will be required to complete an A2 Adult Helper form and have this processed prior to the event. Venturers may wish to attend as helpers, and this is an ideal service event.

Visitor's Day: There will be an on-site Visitor's Day on Saturday 28 September and also an offsite activities day on Sunday 29 September based at the Australian Scout Museum at Newington Armory, Sydney Olympic Park. Either or both of these days can be attended as "stand alone" events (and this may be the preferred option for some younger members).

Activities: Activities will be suited to all ability levels and are likely to include archery, campfire, climbing wall, cooking, crafts, games and puzzles, movie, music, scavenger hunt, and much more! There will also be a *Chill Out* youth zone and *Chatterbox* leader/helper base.

Camping is encouraged, but indoor accommodation is available if required or preferred. Participants are also encouraged to dress up based on the "Top Secret" theme, especially on the Visitor's Day.

Applications: The E1 Form for the Agoonoree, and for the Visitor's Day and Off Site Day, if attended as "stand alone" events, and Application Support Needs Information request form, if required, are attached. **The deadline for applications is Monday 9 September**, and will be adhered to for those attending for one or more nights.

Please direct all enquiries to Mark Burfield.

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NSW Rover Ball 2019



Let's Meet Some Rovers



Amy Priest

Nepean Rover Crew
Joined Scouts in 2012

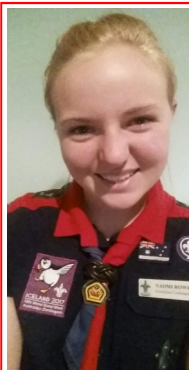
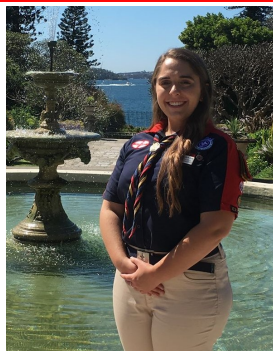
If you had the world's attention for 30 seconds, what would you say?
Don't be silly, think before you act!

Amber Bolton

1st Westmead Rover Crew

If you had intro music, what song would it be and why?

Glorious by Macklemore, because I'm always trying to have good days and influence positivity. It's an upbeat and feel good song.



Naomi Rowe

Blaxland Rover Crew

In Scouts for 5 Years and prior to that, 2 years in Guides.

If you had a robot for the entire day, what would you ask it to do?

I would ask the robot to do the painting and flooring in my house!

Rosie Rodgers

Blacktown Rover Crew

Joined Scouts at 13

If you could only store one type of food in your pocket, what would you carry and why?

I would have to go for those little natural confectionary chewy things, because they are delicious and I love the fun little questions they have on them!



GWS Social Night



UPCOMING EVENTS



Groovin' the Moot (Merrylands Rover Crew)

Friday August 16th - Sunday 18th August, Camp Ku-Ring-Gai

Magical Mystery Tour to Valhalla

Saturday 7th September - 8th September, TBA

GWS Region Social Camp

Saturday 28th September - Sunday 29th September, Newnes Camping Ground

Harbour Cruise

Friday 11th October - Sydney Harbour

Greater Western Sydney Rovers' - Relay for Life

Friday October 18th - Sunday October 20th, Blacktown

PR & Internet Officer - GWS Rovers email: pr.internet@gwsrovers.com.au

VENTURER REPORT

I would like to congratulate **Lachlan Alston, Hannah Leguire and Imogen Parker-Hull from 1st Castle Hill James Miller from 1st Oakville and Zoe Cowen and Matthew Jeffries from 2nd Baulkham Hills** on achieving their **Queen's Scout Awards**.

They joined six of our other Queen's Scout Awardees at Government House in August to be presented to the Governor in honour of their achievement. Not surprisingly, this has kept Damon and I busy during the last couple of months attending award presentations at various groups. The Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia NSW Branch Neville Tomkins attended one of these ceremonies at 1st Castle Hill and commented on how successful our Venturer Units have been in their achievements. Bravo o o to you all!



GWS Bushwalking postcard from Newcastle

We also saw a large contingent from GWS attending the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in the United States. Not without its challenges (including a cancelled flight on the way home), our Venturer and leaders all returned safe and sound with lots of stories to tell.



GWSR Queen's Scout Awardees August 2019



WSJ Australian Contingent preparing to board their flight!



Abseiling at WSJ 2019



Queen's Scouts supporting Zoe, Matt and Josh at 2nd Baulkham Hills

Our Venturers have been quite active recently with participation in abseiling and bushwalking activities run by the Region. We have also seen a huge turnout of our Venturers at Hornsby and Cumberland Gang Shows. This year was Cumberland's 50th season with huge audiences including more than a few sell out nights!

The next month is going to be particularly challenging. Both our Venturer Scout Leadership Course and Environment Activities are well and truly oversubscribed. We have been overwhelmed by the demand and we look forward to a couple of busy weekends. As daylight starts to increase, there are lots of activities out there to get involved with. Many units are running camps and other activities, but don't forget to check out the Region Event Management System to see what other activities are available.

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